

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The proposals for the construction of hostels for 1992-93 have not yet been received from the State Government of Haryana and Delhi Administration.

Common Junior Accounts Officers Examination

6771. SHRIMANORNAJAN BHAKATA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amalgamated clerical cadre employees and their associations have been representing to the Andaman and Nicobar Administrations to allow them to sit in the Common Junior Accounts Officers Examination on Delhi Administration pattern; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Administration in the matter and the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The amalgamated clerical cadre employee association, Port, Blair, submitted a representation that such of its members who are working in Departments other than the Pay and Accounts Organisation under Andaman and Nicobar Administration may also be allowed to appear in the Junior Accounts Officers Examination conducted by the Controller General of Accounts as all clerical staff in all other State and Union Territories are allowed irrespective of the Departments in which they are working.

(b) The representation was examined by the Government in the light of provisions regarding eligibility in the Regulations made by the Controller General of Accounts for the Junior Accounts Officers Examination. Since

the Regulations restrict eligibility for the Examination to clerical staff permanently transferred to the departmentalised Accounts Organisations only, the request of the Amalgamated Clerical Cadre Employees Association could not be accepted.

Increase in Pay of Part-Time Employees

6772. SHRIMANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andaman and Nicobar Administration employed part-time sweepers, peon, watchmen, chowkidars, chaudhry, craft teachers etc. in various Departments and pay Rs. 50/- or so per month as consolidated pay;

(b) if so, the number of such employees;

(c) when the wage of Rs. 50/- or so was fixed;

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase this amount in view of the high cost of living; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The Andaman & Nicobar Administration engaged 44 Craft Instructors at the rate of Rs. 250/- per month since January, 1986, 29 Ayahs at the rate of Rs. 150/- per month since August, 1987, 24 Class IV employees at the rate of Rs. 50/- per month since September, 1980, 46 village chowkidars and 46 village chaudharys on fixed remuneration of Rs. 200/- and Rs. 190/- respectively per month and a few Dais on consolidated pay of Rs. 50/- per month.

(d) and (e). A proposal to increase the

consolidated remuneration to all these part-time employees is being taken up by the A&N Administration in view of increase in the cost of living.

Coconut Development Board

6773. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the activities undertaken and results achieved by the Coconut Development Board during the last three years in Goa; and

(b) the action plan drawn up for development of coconut plantations in Goa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The activities undertaken by the Coconut Development Board in Goa during the last three years include;

(i) Bringing additional area of 223 hectares under coconut; and

(ii) installation of 128 pumpsets.

(b) The action plan for development of coconut plantations in Goa for the year 1992-93 proposes to produce and distribute TxD hybrid coconut seedlings; expansion of area under coconut; and provide assistance for irrigation facilities.

Consulate of Protugal in Goa

6774. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from Protugal for the opening of a Consulates of that country in Goa;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government have taken any decision on custodian property in Goa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been referred to the Goa Govt. for their views in this record.

(c) and (d). These properties are being managed by the Custodian of Evacuee Property of the Government of Goa.

Economic and Commercial Wings in Indian Missions

6775. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the role played by the economic and commercial wings of the Indian Missions abroad in promoting our commercial and economic interest;

(b) whether the officials heading such wings are specially trained and equipped for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to revamp these wings to promote actively the exports of our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The economic & commercial wings of Indian Missions abroad play an action role in promoting our commer-